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## 500 acres donated to land trust

by OLIVIA ROBINSON  
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust announced at its June 2 annual general meeting that close to 500 acres has been donated to the HHLT, which will be known as the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

Leopoldina and Margaret Dobrzensky donated the 500 acres plus an additional 100 acres that will be protected through a Conservation Easement Agreement. This is HHLT's fifth nature reserve, the other four being Dahl Forest, Norah's Island, Smith Forest, and the Fred and Pearl Barry Wetland Reserve.

"Margaret and I are so happy that the land we love dearly will now be preserved for future generations," said Leopoldina

Dobrzensky.

Dobrzensky described how she and her husband began the search for a property in Haliburton County in 1973. The pair would travel up from Richmond Hill on weekends seeking a suitable place where they could retire. Eventually, they found it – a cabin located on an abandoned farm with seasonal road access without water or electricity.

"The little land became priceless to us as we discovered its wealth – plants, fruit trees, edible mushrooms as well as the wonderful sights such as meandering Barnum Creek," said Dobrzensky.

The new reserve is a mosaic of ecosystems – tolerant hardwood forests, mixed wood forests, marshes, swamps, and open upland successional forest habitats – home to at-risk

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## Residents want Irondale landfill closed

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

A group of residents who live in the area of the Irondale landfill contend the site violates numerous provincial regulations, and are asking that it be shut down.

Ivor Thompson and a number of his neighbours paid Minden Hills councillors a visit

during their May 31 meeting.

"We are here today as a community to express our concerns about the operation and the management of the Irondale landfill site," Thompson said. "Concerns about this landfill have been expressed to various councils in previous years and nothing has been done."

Thompson, who's lived in the area 40 years, told council the group was asking that

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### They've got talent

Allie Grant and Kaylee Byrnes danced to X's and O's at the 2018 ASES Talent Night. See more photos on page 15./SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Longtime Haliburton resident Leopoldina Dobrzensky reads a statement that she and Margaret Dobrzensky have donated 500 acres to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust through the Federal Ecological Gifts Program. The announcement was made at the HHLT's June 2 AGM. The area will be known as Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

# Land becomes fifth reserve

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species like Blanding's turtle, whip-poor-will, and the five-lined skink.

The large land donation was made possible through the Federal Ecological Gifts Program, a unique initiative that allows property owners to donate their land while preserving its ecological integrity and sustainability. Land donors also receive a break on their income taxes.

"The HHLT will continue to manage the properties, in perpetuity, to ensure the long-term health and diversity of the ecosystems are protected and maintained," said Mary-Lou Gerstl, land trust chairwoman.

In addition to the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve surprise announcement, the land trust celebrated a successful fiscal year and highlighted the organization's main goals of conservation, education, and research – like its Abbey Gardens Pollinator Garden, Bioblitz in Dahl Forest, and the first-ever study of bat populations in Haliburton County.

Land trust vice chairman Greg Wickware described a new project that uses geographic information systems to measure and analyze data from plots at Smith Forest and Dahl Forest, thanks to the help of four students from Trent University. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to ensure that these

plots be revisited in future years to monitor and compare the status of its long-term health.

The land trust also paid a touching tribute to Ian Daniel, the founding member of the land trust, who passed away suddenly in May of this year.

Scott Durey, a three-year treasurer of the HHLT highlighted a surplus of \$26,068, compared to a \$7,672 surplus in 2016.

This year marks Durey's last as treasurer – he noted that one of his goals was to have fully-funded endowment funds and now the land trust is just \$500 shy of that goal.

"We've done a fabulous job in terms of meeting the commitments that put in front of us to our land donors and to our members ... to sponsor the properties into perpetuity," said Durey. "The endowment funds are critical and the stewardship is so important as we think forward in the acquisition of other properties."

The land trust estimates that it has nearly 150 members, but is looking to grow that number and its presence in the community in the coming year. This summer, the land trust is hosting a fundraising dance on Aug. 10 – tickets are \$30 until July 1. For more information about the fundraiser, the land trust and how to become a member, please visit <https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/>.

# Garbage collects along Milburn Road

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the dump be closed altogether.

Citing the Ontario Environmental Protection Act, Thompson contended the landfill violates numerous regulations.

"The present operation and location of the dump does not meet environment and legal requirements," he said.

A number of minimum setbacks, including from public roads, water courses and dwellings, are not being met, Thompson said, showing a photo of the area taken with a drone.

While regulations call for dumping to take place 200 yards from the nearest public road, "in fact, it is only 33 yards," Thompson said. "It is very visible from the Milburn Road, and the adjacent neighbour's property."

While dumping is taking place at least 100 feet from the nearest water course, Thompson said there are two small creeks only eight feet from an active filling area, creeks that eventually feed into the nearby Milburn Wetland Complex. Thompson said he's also seen plastic floating in the water.

While dumping is to take place 440 yards from the nearest dwelling, Thompson said the nearest home is actually less than 170 yards away from the filling site. He said inadequate covering and compacting that does meet standards mean blowing garbage and odour. He said that covering and compacting is often only performed after area residents complain.

Thompson also pointed out that a number of trees that once provided a visual buffer from a neighbouring property had been cut down. That neighbour visited council earlier in May, after she'd received a notice that landscape work she and her husband were performing to replace the vegetation buffer, including the creation of a pond and berm, was encroaching on municipal property.

Thompson said garbage can often be found along Milburn Road, and provided photographs.

"This is common," he said. "I'm almost embarrassed to take any friends or people for a walk along the road. It could be a beautiful, scenic drive for people, or walk, but it's just a mess. There's tires, microwaves ... the dump's not open, people decide that the road is the dump and they just dump their material there."

Thompson also said that in the mid-1990s, some 6,000 tons of auto waste had been buried on the site.

"There will be a report regarding this coming back to us," said Mayor Brent Devolin, adding council would consider everything that had been said, and that the municipality would need to consult with the MOECC and Cambium, the company the township hires to do its landfill monitoring.

Devolin noted that water quality and leachate levels are monitored regularly by the company.

Day-to-day operations at Minden Hills' landfills are contracted out to Highlands Environmental.

Councillor Lisa Schell said she'd like to see a report including water testing activities and how frequently covering is taking place.

"We have some hornet's nests here," Devolin said.



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# Gull River tube rentals get green light

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Minden Hills council has approved a proposal from Minden River Run, which will provide tube rentals and a shuttle service, allowing people to float from Rotary Park into Minden's downtown, this summer.

Rob Rutkowski first made a presentation to councillors during a May 10 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

"The business I'm proposing is a tube rental business," Rutkowski said. "Locals and tourists can come and rent tubes for a fixed price and float down the Gull River, starting at Rotary Park, and ending at Bobcaygeon Road."

Rutkowski was seeking a number of permissions from council, including setting up a tent in Rotary Park and establishing a downtown pick-up location for a shuttle.

He told council he would try to encourage his customers to park downtown, as to not fill up the relatively small parking area at Rotary Park. He added that having customers park downtown may also result in some economic spinoff.

"Once the people get out of the Gull River . . . they'd have to walk from there over to the municipal parking lot, hence passing the farmers' market, and the businesses downtown as well, so hopefully that can generate some business," he said.

Rutkowski said he also plans to talk to downtown merchants about a potential partnership, where they would offer some kind of special discount to customers wearing the wristbands that Minden River Run will use, the wristbands essentially acting as coupons.

"This wristband will represent any kind of discount that the businesses would like to offer," he said.

Mayor Brent Devolin called the proposal "exciting stuff," noting there hadn't been many summers in the past 40 years he'd missed floating down the Gull.

"This has been discussed for decades, that we should do something like this, but nobody has ever put a concrete plan behind the notion, so I really appreciate that you've come forward with so much detail," said Councillor Jeanne Anthon. "Do you foresee that you would be operating every day of the week . . . how do people book you, so that you know there's some interest for a particular day?"

Rutkowski said he was preparing a website, through which customers would be able to contact him. Depending on interest and weather, the idea is for the business to operate from mid-June through mid-September.

Rutkowski said he planned to have staff members Smart Serve-certified, and that anyone who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol would not be permitted to rent tubes. He also noted the tubes will have mesh bottoms, so floaters can't fall through the centre.

During their May 31 meeting, councillors approved the proposal.

Minden River Run will pay a rental fee of \$500, and a rental agreement established, to set up a tent in Rotary Park for the season. The tent is to be taken down and stored at the end of each day.

The pick-up location for the shuttle service will be along Prince Street. The township will install an extra ladder at the town dock near Bobcaygeon Road to accommodate an increased number of people using the dock.

Minden River Run must provide \$5 million worth of liability insurance.



## Green thumbs unite

It was a beautiful day to have a green thumb in Minden. The annual Haliburton County Master Gardeners Plant Sale was held at the Village Green on June 2. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

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### MEETINGS & EVENTS

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Meetings are held in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne St.

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# Minden Hills entry point to large provincial park

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

Minden Hills is a gateway to a little-known ecological gem called the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park, or "QE2."

Staff from the park visited Minden Hills councillors during a May 31 meeting, as they seek to engage stakeholders and spread word about the park's incredible biodiversity and recreational opportunities.

"A lot of people think parks are created because of their size, but that's a myth," said park superintendent Jason Dwyer. "There's a lot more science that goes into the creation of a provincial park."

The park totals 89,000 acres and is bordered by the District of Muskoka to the west, the City of Kawartha Lakes to the south, and Haliburton County to the east.

"Truly, Minden is the front door to this park," Dwyer said.

While most of the park consists of shallow, warm wetland, it includes a few larger lakes, located in Minden Hills. It is most easily accessed from Devil's Lake.

QE2 contains 37 recreational camps, seven commercial camps, six cottaging lakes and pockets of private property.

The planning process for the park, which is actually a cluster of parks, began circa 2000 and was stalled in 2007, resuming in 2014. Dwyer told councillors park staff are looking to work with surrounding municipalities, heightening the park's profile and educating the public on its ecological importance.

Focusing on sustainable use, he said there's been a growth in what he called "semi-wilderness recreation" – backcountry canoeing, hiking, etc. – in recent years.

As Dwyer explained, parks in Ontario fall under two main classifications: operational and non-operational.

Operational parks are ones with dedicated staff and infrastructure, where fees are typically collected; think Balsam Lake Provincial Park or Algonquin Park.

Non-operational parks, meanwhile, have no dedicated staff, limited resources and infrastructure and generally don't collect any fees.

QE2 falls into this latter category, although, uniquely, does have some dedicated staff.

One of those staff members, park biologist Philip Careless, gave councillors a detailed explanation of the park's ecological significance.

Careless said ecological integrity is the foundation of why any provincial park is created in the first place.

"It's essentially the interaction of organisms that maintain the complex web of critters . . . rock and water . . . maintaining all those pieces of the biological engine, and allowing them to function," Careless said.

Using the analogy of a potluck, Careless said each of



A scene from within Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park. /Photo submitted

Ontario's provincial parks is more or less unique, essentially bringing something different to the party.

"Our park is an odd one," Careless said. "I often joke that what it is bringing to the province is the gift of biting insects."

The swamps, bogs and fens of the park are home to an array of insects.

"This is the fuel that runs the park," Careless said. "The park itself is essentially a vast, biological engine."

Along with other functions, those insects are also a food source for many species of animal. And plant. QE2 is home to seven different species of carnivorous plant, including the rare spatula sundew. It is also home to many more well-known creatures including barn owls, whip-poor-will, beavers, moose and the five-lined skink, a lizard that, while common within the park, is a threatened species.

Careless said the park contains a larger number of species and landform types than others.

"It is the biological equivalent of the city of Toronto," he said, in reference to Toronto's status as the world's most multicultural city.

Comparing it to a giant intersection, Careless said the park is also significant for its habitat connectivity, allowing a number of animal species to migrate safely through its unde-

veloped terrain.

The rock formations through the park's expanse are comprised of foliated gneiss rock.

As Careless explained, "it's not true granite, it's granite that's been shoved back underground, re-melted, twisted and then pushed back to the surface." Its surface makes it excellent habitat and breeding grounds for many of the park's inhabitants.

"My million-dollar question is . . . if we lobbied the minister to put [the park] in an operational status, and the funds that would be accrued from that, with the caveat that it be designed in an operating way that it minimizes the damage, in your opinion, would that be helpful?" Mayor Brent Devolin asked Dwyer.

"It doesn't hurt," Dwyer said, emphasizing the park is looking for any support it can get from municipal partners.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she's received some complaints about activities occurring within the park's borders, including people using trees for target practice with semi-automatic weapons.

"They're doing target practice with semis, going off trails, damaging trees," Sayne said.

Careless said there is a difference between activities that are permitted on Crown land versus a provincial park, and while that staff can work on signage and enforcement, as a non-operational park, QE2 has few resources in this regard.

"Are there plans to keep the heart of the park non-motorized?" asked Councillor Jean Neville.

Dwyer said that technically, there is no provincial park in Ontario that allows recreational riding. Careless said there is a planning designation, called a wilderness zone, that applies strict parameters to areas of 2,000 hectares or larger that could potentially be applied to the park.

More information on the park can be found at <https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/queenelizabeth2wildlands>.

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A Minden area man has been fined \$2,000 for violations under the Ontario Fishery Regulations and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Justin Davison pleaded guilty and was fined \$500 for possessing a lake trout of a prohibited size, \$500 for unlawfully abandoning a lake trout, and \$1,000 for obstructing a conservation officer.

Court heard that on Feb. 27, 2018, conservation officers were on fisheries patrol on Moose Lake in Haliburton County. An officer observed Davison catch and measure a lake trout and begin to clean it on the ice. When officers approached, Davison obstructed the officers by throwing the cleaned fish and his fillet knife down a hole in the ice. Officers determined the lake trout was in the prohibited slot size. Conservation officers used an underwater camera and tools to retrieve the abandoned lake trout

and fillet knife from the bottom of Moose Lake where Davison had been angling.

Justice of the Peace Joni Glover heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Lindsay, on May 14.

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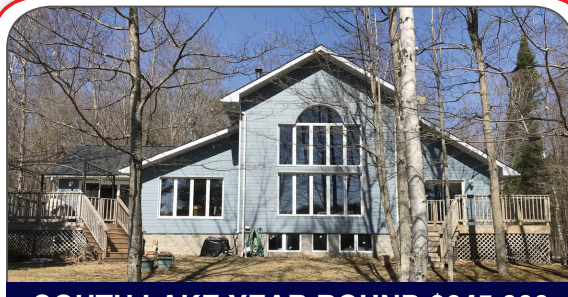
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## Dead weight

**K**ATHLEEN WYNNE shocked Ontarians last weekend by admitting a blunt truth; after Thursday, the day this column is published in the paper, she will no longer be premier of the province.

It was an unusual move. Certainly it's customary for any political leader, no matter how badly they think they might get trounced, to head into an election with war drums beating.

It was an unusual move, but a smart and strategic one. It accomplishes a few things.

First, for some it will make it safe to vote Liberal again. It is clear that most Ontarians want a change in government. However, what we are facing in this election is a pretty stark choice between the left of an NDP government and the hard-right of a Doug Ford-led PC government. By acknowledging her party is not going to win, Wynne is allowing voters who may be uncomfortable with both leftist and right-wing ideologies to still cast a centrist vote.

Wynne's admission also sort of takes an arrow out of the quiver of Doug Ford. Ford's modus operandi throughout the campaign has mostly been to attack the premier. By admitting she's going to lose, Wynne has somewhat neutralized his ability to do this, and Ford has been largely silent regarding her shocking announcement.

If some polls are correct, the Liberals could do so poorly in this election that they could potentially lose official party status in the province. They need to keep at least eight seats to retain status. The

point now is simply to hold on to as many seats as possible. Wynne's approval ratings have been low for a long time, and by admitting she's not going to win, she's essentially throwing herself overboard, trying to prevent the red ship from sinking.

The strategy is a better one than the sorry, not sorry thing the party was doing between the last televised debate and last weekend, where the premier was essentially saying she would not apologize for the province's low unemployment

rate, the heightened minimum wage, free tuition for low-income students, or other accomplishments of the current government. Coming from the leader of a party that's been in power 15 years, it came off as maternalistic. It was the wrong tone.

**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter

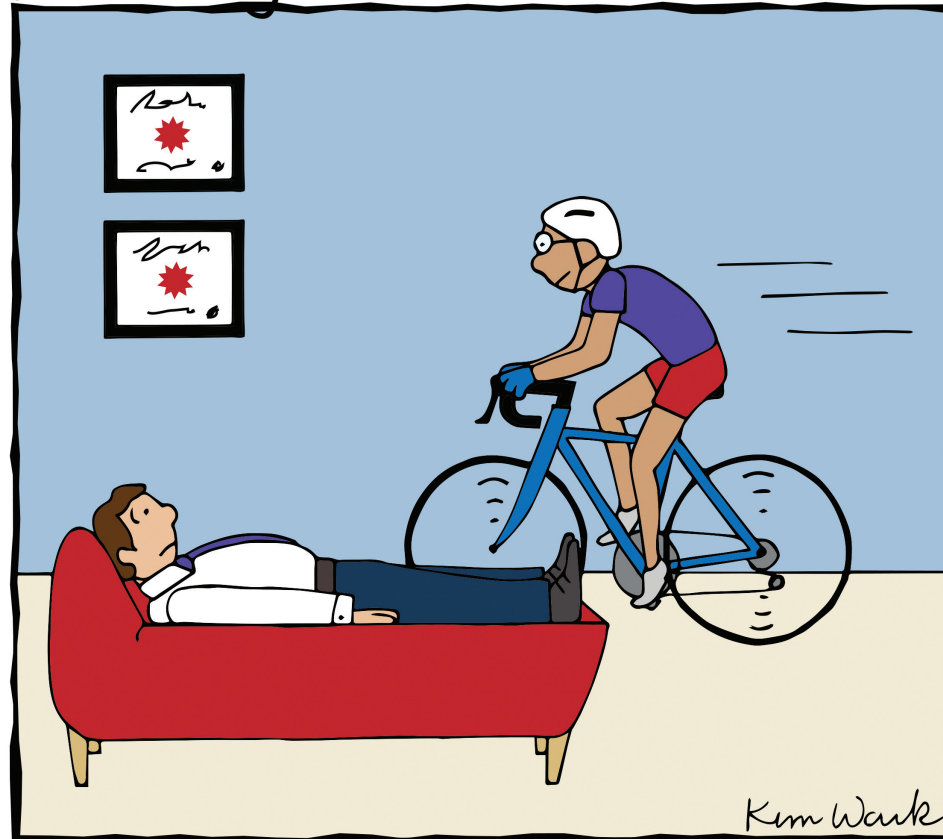
An editorial cartoon in the *Toronto Star* depicted Wynne alongside a piece of broccoli and an enema, the caption reading something along the lines of, "You may not like us, but we're good for you."

While it may seem counterintuitive and while it may be disappointing to some, the resigned, defeated tone that Wynne has struck in the days before the election will probably actually yield the best possible outcome for the Liberals.

Since this column is published Thursday, the election will be over by the time some of you are reading this. We'll know how that strategy has worked out, and we'll know who the next premier of Ontario will be.

At this point, the only safe prediction is the one that Wynne has made herself; it won't be her.

## Kwarky

*The Cyclogist is in and out.*

## Dealing with black flies

**Y**OU HAVEN'T TRULY enjoyed life to the fullest until you have left your insect repellent in the car during a long hike to a backwoods lake in spring. To be clear, the enjoyable part happens after you return to the car.

I was reminded of this after a walk around my neighbourhood. And, just to give credit where credit is due, it was the black flies that reminded me.

I can't imagine it's much fun being one of the most annoying life forms on the planet – but enough about Trump. It's probably no fun being a black fly either.

A black fly's sole purpose is to fly around aimlessly, while waiting for some intelligent, warm-blooded life form to come along. Then it has to settle for me.

If all goes well, the fly avoids random swattings and lands on my bare flesh where it latches on to drain me of blood. In a best case scenario, this bare flesh isn't butt cleavage.

In a worst case scenario for the fly, just as it's about to land, it smells insect repellent, which I assume is the biting insect's equivalent of tofu – sure you can eat it, but you'd rather not. So then in a random act of rage, the fly does a kamikaze flight straight into my eyes or ears.

I have no scientific or statistical evidence to support this, but I suspect a full 97 per cent of all black flies end up in one of these two places. The other three per cent end up in my butt cleavage.

And while this is great for the people who go on hikes with me, I'll admit it's quite annoying.

Mostly because I spent lots of money, trying to smell like an insect's version of

tofu. I use a wide variety of products designed to deter black flies and other biting insects. This includes a bug jacket, insect repellents and lotions, Thermo-cell units, citronella, insect coils and those sticky patches you put on your hat. By the way, I believe the sole purpose of the latter is so that you leave a clue about what finally drove you mad.

Sometimes, I use all of these defences simultaneously. This causes the black flies to find the one spot on the back of my neck that's unprotected.

What I'm saying is there is no real escape from black flies in spring. Plus, we are going about this all wrong.

You see, trying to repel them just makes them try harder. So I'm wondering why our insect repellent scientists don't try another approach. Why not develop black fly attractants?

I envision a spray so delicious to a black fly that you draw them in for miles – after

you have surreptitiously sprayed it on your fishing buddy. This would also ensure you never get outfished again.

It should taste much better than tofu. I'm thinking rancid liver blood. You know; something even the most selective black flies cannot resist. It should be so appealing to a black fly's palate that the flies will immediately ignore me and visit my unsuspecting friend. Just to be sure, I'd also make it gluten- and nut-free.

If it works well enough, black flies would not be an issue for a full 50 per cent of the population – 33 per cent if you plan on visiting your favourite backwoods lake with two guys who are about to outfish you.

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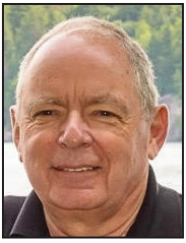
## Let them eat horses

IT'S AMAZING what you learn when you open a book. I thought I had a solid grasp of North American history, until I picked up *Wild Horse Country* by David Philipps.

I got the book because Philipps, a Pulitzer Prize winning *New York Times* correspondent, has a theory of how mountain lions can solve America's wild horse problem. The read taught me something about wild horses, but more importantly how the horse changed North American history.

The wild horse, or mustang, is an American icon, and a problem that costs U.S. taxpayers millions, if not billions, of dollars. Eighty to 100,000 mustangs freely roam public lands in the West, exhausting grassland food supplies for themselves and other wildlife.

Their numbers need to be controlled but the U.S. government can't decide how that should be done. Slaughter or mass sterilization are two options being considered but there is a dilemma: the wild horse is as much a symbol of America's freedom as the bald eagle and the general public wants the horse left wild and free.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

So the U.S. federal government rounds up hundreds of wild horses and puts them in holding areas where it pays to room and board them. Meanwhile, open range wild horses continue to breed and the overpopulation problem continues.

In explaining the wild horse issue, Philipps gives a fascinating history of the horse in North America and that's where I got my history tuned up.

Horses did not always exist in North America. Ancient forms of small, horse-like animals did exist tens of millions of years ago but disappeared. Horses, as we know them today, did not appear on this continent until the 1600s, arriving on galleons with the Spanish Conquistadors.

To the Spanish the horse was a weapon of war that allowed them to conquer the Americas and enslave its Indigenous populations. They brought horses by the thousands to the Americas.

Before then, North American Indigenous peoples lived in forested areas or southern pueblos near water needed for growing food. Their movements were restricted because the only transportation they had was their feet and various forms of dugouts and canoes.

The Conquistadors' horses changed all that, and the history of the continent.

The Spanish conquered the Pueblo people of the southwest and put them to work doing jobs they needed done, including looking after horses.

The inevitable happened. The Pueblo learned how to care for horses, how to treat them and how to ride them. They also learned how to steal them.

Horses wandering off, thefts and trades soon had horses showing up in the territories of other tribes. The result was the birth of the Horse Nations, tribes such as the Navajo, Apache, Kiowa, Sioux, and the greatest horse people of all – the Comanche.

Horses freed these people from coaxing vegetables out of parched soil and chasing bison on foot. They hunted and explored on horseback and moved their villages to better locations as needed.

Tecumseh, the celebrated Shawnee warrior and diplomat, travelled thousands of miles on horseback organizing the pan-Indian confederation aimed at stopping American takeovers of Indigenous peoples' land. The Americans chased and killed him in a battle along southern Ontario's Thames River during the War of 1812-14.

The horse, an animal unknown to any North American peoples before the Europeans arrived, allowed tribes to hold off total colonization for decades, if not a couple of centuries.

All that, however, is a historical explanation in *Wild Horse Country*. The book's main message is that the U.S. government ignores the wild horse management potential of mountain lions.

Philipps has noted the federal agriculture department killed 305 lions in 2014, gave grants to agencies that killed hundreds more while private hunters, encouraged by government bureaucracies, killed almost 3,000 lions the same year. Had those lions not been killed and had eaten three horses each that year, there would have been almost no growth in the wild horse population.

Government initiatives continue to promote killing lions in some areas where the government also wants wild horse populations limited.

Philipps says killing fewer lions so they can eat more wild horses will restore an important balance and save taxpayers money.

In other words, let nature do its work without more human meddling.

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## Smoothies vs. juicing

WHEN THE HEAT and humidity hit even I don't feel like eating.

It is a rare occurrence, but it has happened. It's during times like this that I make a smoothie for myself. There's a nutritional rule about not drinking your calories that has come up when the conversation with clients turns to the topic of smoothies. While it is best to choose food that needs to be chewed, sometimes smoothies are a great alternative when time or energy is limited. The priority is always ensuring that your nutritional requirements are met.

I am not a fan of juice. Not the kind that comes bottled, powdered, or frozen. In many cases the amount of actual fruit is minimal, and the rest is other stuff that we really don't need. There is usually a lot of sugar added, and if there isn't sugar added I always question what is added to make it taste good? Another nutritional rule is that if your grandmother wouldn't recognize the ingredient then you shouldn't be eating or drinking it. Always read the ingredients and check out the calories contained per serving. A third nutritional rule is calculate the number of servings per package so you are aware of the number of calories you are actually consuming.

Now on to the do-it-yourself juice. I've never used a home juicer, but what I understand

is that they remove the fibre from fruits and vegetables leaving the water and nutrients. It's like a hit of the good stuff. That is good for some folks who have digestive issues, but for others the fibre is needed to keep the digestive process working as it should. It slows the absorption of nutrients into the bloodstream, and it keeps us feeling satiated longer. These are two important benefits.

Smoothies are everything blended together. My favourite combination consists of blueberries, a banana, spinach and some soy milk. An alternative is to use half an avocado and water. It's unbelievable how smooth the avocado makes the smoothie. Avocados do have a lot of calories but they are so full of nutrients that it's worth it. This makes a great 350 to 400 calorie breakfast when I'm in a rush or I

don't feel like eating. There are so many combinations. The best thing to do is experiment and find a couple recipes that work for you.

While it's best not to drink your calories, smoothies can be a great option.

Something to think about.

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## Call for volunteers: Celebration of Women's Voting Rights

It has been 100 years since the federal vote was granted to most Canadian women. May 24, 1918 was a turning point for women's rights in this country, part of a larger struggle for universal suffrage. (Asian men and women were not allowed to vote until after the Second World War and Indigenous people could not vote until 1960.)

To mark the occasion and highlight the sacrifices made by women to obtain the vote (and to encourage continued progress), a group has come together to hold A Celebration of Women's Voting Rights on Saturday, Sept. 15.

An historical suffrage re-enactment, parade (with music) through downtown Minden, followed by a light lunch with tea are being planned. To honour the generations of women who have rallied and fought for equality, some parade participants will be wearing period

costumes.

Volunteers are needed to make this special event happen. Tasks range from the theatrical (wearing a period costume and marching with the parade) to technical (doing research and helping to write speeches). And of course, on the day of the event, organizers would like to see as many women, men and kids participate as possible. (Street clothes and a love of equality is all you need to join in!)

Mark your calendar for the Celebration of Women's Voting Rights in Minden Saturday, Sept. 15 and keep an eye out for more details as the date comes closer.

For those willing to help out, contact Laurie Carmount at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: 705-286-3763 or [gallery@mindenhills.ca](mailto:gallery@mindenhills.ca).

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## Part 2 of park project nearly complete

### DORSET NEWS

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Phase 2 of the Dorset Centennial Park is nearing completion. Solar lamps have been installed as well as the outdoor fitness pod. The fitness pod is a great way to keep in shape and enjoy the outdoors at the same time it can be used year-round and is perfect for those hot summer days when you want to get a workout in but don't want to be stuck inside. Check it out in front of the skating rink next time you're in town.

Come celebrate Dad this Father's Day at the Dorset Rec Centre on Sunday, June 17. Gather at 5:30 p.m. and roast beef dinner with all the fixing will be served at 6 p.m. Dinner is free so take your dad out to enjoy a delicious dinner.

The annual SS Bigwin Community BBQ is happening this Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Dorset docks. Celebrate the start of summer at the fourth annual event in downtown Dorset (the Bigwin's home port). The Moose FM Street Team will be on-site with music and some awesome samples to give away. Enjoy a free Barbecue, music and complimentary public cruises aboard the SS Bigwin (between 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., first come, first served, no reservations). Food generously provided by Robinson's General Store. For more information on the SS Bigwin visit [ssbigwin.com](http://ssbigwin.com).

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# Expert explores the fascinating lives of bats

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
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Utterly intriguing are the words Brock Fenton uses to describe the small animals he's been studying for more than 40 years, but the crowd gathered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to listen to the professor emeritus of biology at University of Western Ontario – and four of those bat species have been classified as being endangered, he said on May 26 as part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's presentation, *Exploring the Lives of Bats*.

“One of the recurring themes here is how much we don't know about bats,” he said. “A lot of the questions we had in 1968 are still the same questions we have now... If you're trying to figure out what the conservation status is of an organism, whether it's a plant or a bat or anything, you need to know how many there are. We don't have that kind of information for any of the bats in Canada. We don't know how many there are today. We don't know how many there were 50 years ago, 100 years ago.”

Bats have been facing an unprecedented population decline, leading the land trust to launch a bat project last year to identify bat species and their distribution throughout the county. All eight species found in Ontario, including the four endangered species, have been found in Haliburton County.

Although some bats in the wild can live to be as old as 45, they face numerous challenges in keeping population up, right from birth.

Baby bats are basically 30 per cent of their mother's weight at birth, and the mother produces 75 per cent of her body milk every day – as Fenton explains, that's the equivalent of a 45 kg woman producing 33 kg of milk a day.

“Mother bats are extremely dedicated to their young,” he said. “They invest a huge amount of time in them.”

Despite that care, there is a high rate of mortality for bats, with 60 per cent not making it through the first year, likely because they don't put on enough weight to make it through the winter.

Fenton shares some of the photos he's taken on his travels throughout his presentation, including the classic shot of a bat with mouth wide open, wings outstretched.

“When you see a bat like this flying with his mouth open, it has nothing to do with a hostile threat,” he explains. “The bat's producing echolocation calls as it flies along, and it needs to have its mouth open to do this. My good friend is fanatic about protecting bats. He never likes to share images of bats with their mouths open because it sends the wrong message. But in this case, it isn't an aggressive message. It's not like facing down a doberman with its mouth open. Besides the difference in size – these guys are about 15 grams. It's just the way they get around.”

It was in 1794 that Italian Lazzaro Spallanzani discovered echolocation, or biosonar when he realized that an owl could not navigate around a room in which the candle had been blown out,

but a bat could. Using a series of experiments that included materials such as ribbons and bells, he was the first to acknowledge the unique ability of a bat in getting around. In 1944, Donald Griffin – with the help of since-developed bat detectors, was able to expand on Spallanzani's research. Echolocation – using sound to see – is not something that is characteristic of all bats, but is also used by some whales, some shrews, some birds and some blind humans to basically detect a hard surface on a soft background.

Simple science was used to figure out the intricacies of echolocation.

“The guy, or these guys, had a question,” said Fenton. “It isn't that they had a lot of money to buy fancy equipment. Ribbons and bells and a simple bat detector. If you have a question and a way to manipulate things you can find out an answer. It's a good indication of how science works, and often does.”

Throughout the presentation, Fenton noted characteristics believed to be true of bats that aren't particularly factual.

“Bats see really well, so when people talk about bats being blind, that's just a mistake,” he said. “We don't know of any bats that are blind.”

As far as scientists and researchers knew, bats went south in the winter – but they didn't know how far south they go, just that they go. Using motus tags, more understanding of bat travel has occurred through tracking their movement.

“One of the things we're discovering it that the animals don't read the literature,” said Fenton, telling a story of a hoary bat that should have been going south based on our understanding, but instead went to Windsor for the weekend, and then turned up in Niagara Falls. “So a motus tag tells you all kinds of things that the animals are doing that we never knew.”

Besides a high rate of mortality after birth, bats face other challenges that make them particularly vulnerable from a conservation point of view.

“People tend to be afraid of bats, tend to think they're dangerous,” said Fenton. “There doesn't necessarily seem to be any good reason to think those things, but that affects people's views of things and then affects the view people have on the animals.”

Wind turbines can be bad news for a bat, but that risk could be reduced if wind companies would reduce the cutting speed to 10 metres a second.

“We have eight species in Ontario, but we do not know how many there are,” said Fenton. “So if you find 10 hoary bats dead under a wind turbine, you don't know if it's 10 of 100 that flew over or if it's 10 of 15 that flew over. You have no way of knowing. It makes it very difficult to put what you're seeing into perspective. But it's not getting struck by the blade that kills the bats, it turns out the negative pressure behind the blade causes an embolism, so basically their lungs explode and that doesn't do them very good at all.”

Unfortunately for many bat populations, white nose syndrome was introduced to the United States from Europe, likely by accident, in 2005.

“It's really bad news and there doesn't seem to be any good news in that story,” said Fenton, who relayed a story of researchers in New York studying bat populations in three caves in that area. “In March 2005, they go into one of those caves, and instead of 30,000 live bats on the ceiling, there's 30,000 dead bats on the floor. And this is what was happening to the sites there. By 2010 it was here in Ontario. The really bad news is that by last week it turned up in Newfoundland. And then last week it also turned up in Manitoba, so it spread bat to bat.”

A bat in the winter, sound asleep, has a heart rate of about five beats a minute. The same bat's heart, when the bat is flying in the summer, beats 1,200 times a minute.

“What's important for hibernating bats is to not be disturbed, because to wake up from freezing costs the bat as much energy as it takes to save for 60 days of hibernation,” said Fenton. “White nose disrupts that schedule. So instead of waking up after 60 days, they wake up two to three times a week and they just burn themselves out, usually by January. And there is no recourse – they can't go out of the cave when they're hibernating in the middle of winter and catch food. White nose, the fungus, is a symptom of what causes the problem. It's disrupting hibernation that matters.”

There are things we can do for the bat population, and one of those acts is to hang a bat house or bat box on properties to help give bats a safe place to roost and hibernate.

Bat box building workshops will be held on Saturday, June 9 at the HHOA Fish Hatchery and Saturday, July 21 at Abbey Gardens. Call 705-457-3700 to sign up or get on a waiting list. A new land trust publication, *Best Management Practices for Bats*, is available at [haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca). Information about the second year of the Bat Project is also available on the website. Bat observations can be reported to Christel Furniss at [admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca](mailto:admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca).



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# Knitter keeps casting on

*Kyla Grexton has made a business out of anything she can get her needles on*

by JENN WATT  
Editor

Keeping her hands busy with yarn has helped Kyla Grexton stay focused, even when the stressors of life have been overwhelming.

A knitter since she was a kid, Grexton, 40, always gravitated to creative crafts, making afghan blankets for friends when she was a teenager and selling potholders at her mom's store, Leitha's Sweets and Treats.

As life handed her ups and downs, a constant was the click of the needles.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," Grexton said, seated in the kitchen of her home.

She's started a business selling her handmade items called Keep Me In Stitchez. She brings her shopping bags, wine bottle totes, baby booties and other items to shows and fairs and sells them at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.

From her kitchen table, you can see yarn everywhere. It's along the wall as garland. It's balled up on the shelves. It's in her mother's cardigan that hangs on the kitchen chair.

Leitha Grexton helped get Kyla started with knitting and crochet and supported her in her passion throughout her daughter's life.

"[She] and I went to a food show in Toronto and we stopped at White Rose. She picked me up an instruction book and four balls of yarn. She made me do all of the basic stitches and I started out on an afghan," Grexton said. She was nine at the time.

Later, Leitha would request knitted items for her Minden shop, eventually asking Kyla to provide baby clothes.

"She picked me up some yarn and a pattern

and I made the outfit and what got me was the little feet," Grexton said. "A pair of pants with the feet in them. As I finished it, I handed it over to my mom to put it up for sale, I said 'what I would give to see even a picture of a baby wearing this outfit.'"

The outfit sold and Leitha gave Kyla the money for the sale.

Many years later, when Kyla was pregnant with her son, her mother gave her a special gift.

"Just before I had William she handed me a bag. She bought the outfit so I could get the picture of the baby ... she tucked it away all those years."

Newborn William fit snugly into the mint-green pants and matching sweater.

In 2008, Grexton found herself starting her life anew.

"I call it my second chance. My first time out I did it to please everyone else. This time, [I thought] this is what's speaking to me and this is what I have to do."

She signed up for the fibre arts certificate program at Haliburton School of Art + Design in 2011.

It didn't take long to figure out she was on the right path.

"I'd always seen spinning at the county fair and I was always intrigued with it, along with weaving," she said.

Wendy Bateman was her instructor at the college and introduced her for the first time to the spinning wheel.

"I'd had a really stressful morning and she said, 'come, sit down and try this,' and I just ... melted into it. And I just knew from then it was something I had to do."

During reading week, when her fellow stu-



Have spinning wheel, will travel: Kyla Grexton takes her wheel with her everywhere. Fibre arts have been a "sanity-saver" for her through the ups and downs of life. She's made a business out of it, selling her handmade items under the name Keep Me In Stitchez. /JENN WATT Staff

dents had left to visit family or take vacation time, she stayed at the college on the wheel.

The certificate was "three very intense months" of work. Grexton studied fibre science, colour with chemical and natural dyes, screen printing, quilting and sewing and thread painting.

And even though she was having a ball, she said she was hesitant to sign up for the Ontario Handweavers and Spinners six-year certificate course. In the meantime, she took an intermediate spinning class at the college, to tide her over.

"All I saw was barriers," Grexton said.

With a young child to take care of and in the midst of rebuilding her life, she said she didn't know if she could make it work. In 2012, her mother was fighting cancer, which added another element of worry and stress.

"My mom, she passed away in November of 2013. Just before she passed away, she wasn't one who believed in giving Christmas gifts early, but she knew she wasn't going to make it. So, she paid for my first year [of the six-year course] because she knew that I was going to need something to keep my mind occupied," Grexton said. "Then year 2, my dad saw what it did for me, so he helped me out with year 2."

She's completed four years of the program so far, and is heading into her fifth starting this August.

Her father, Jack Grexton, has been her No. 1 supporter through the years, she said. Handling her grief and watching her father and her son also deal with the death of her mother has been difficult. Focusing on her work and her course

has helped.

"It's my sanity saver. ... It's been tough. It's the spinning and knitting and crocheting that keep me sane."

She does a little bit of everything; she knits and crochets, spins yarn, takes special orders and is a tester. (She's credited in the book *Crochet Style* by Jennifer Dougherty and tested for another book due out this September.)

The name of her business, Keep Me In Stitchez, reflects her love of knitting and crochet as well as sewing and quilting. (The Z on Stitchez, she explained, is because the blog name Keep Me In Stitches was already taken.)

Over the years, she's learned to price her work according to the effort it takes to produce it. Since knitting is a hobby for many, it's become common to find underpriced items at craft sales, with vendors happy to get the money back for the materials they used.

Grexton said for some, there's a preconceived notion that knitters shouldn't be charging for their time, which can make it hard to profit on the work she does.

As with many in the arts industry, it's a matter of informing consumers of what goes into a pair of socks or mittens.

Her dream is to one day take her yarn and spinning wheel on the road, travelling from one show to the next. And later settling down and opening a studio or storefront.

You can find Kyla Grexton's work at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace or you can find her at the Haliburton County Fair in Minden on Saturday, June 9, the Highland Games in Kinmount on July 14 or at the Orono Fair.



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# ASES sings, dances, celebrates talent

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

It was a hot evening in the Archie Stouffer Elementary School gym on the evening of May 31 – both with humidity and a stage full of talent.

More than 50 students sang, skipped, performed and danced for a packed crowd at the 2018 Talent Show.

The Grade 5/6 band got the audience clapping to open the show, before a variety of creative performances that included a flute duet, poetry reading, solo, duet and group songs, a drum solo and even a grad invite filled the evening and the Grade 7/8 band closed the night, leaving audience members humming as they left the venue.

ASES music teacher Lorie Reddering MCed throughout the event, telling a joke every once in awhile at the request of students. Proud parents and friends took photos and videos of performances. Sound technicians Darian Maddock and Ben Pilcher were kept busy lining up the music for the evening. Reddering thanked her daughters and ASES students and teachers for helping to arrange the evening, and parents who have helped carry instruments.

Donations at the event raised about \$500, and donations were also received from the ASES Parent Council, the Highlands Wind Symphony and the Highlands Chamber Orchestra. Money raised covers transportation and half of the cost of tickets to Canada's Wonderland for an end-of-year band members' trip.



The Grade 7/8 band ended the evening with performances of *All Of Me* and *Lean On Me*. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Moira Hughey and Addy Davidson, in matching outfits, sing *Count on Me* by Bruno Mars at the ASES talent show on May 31. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Owen Whitteker sang *Never Say Never* before later returning to the stage to dance.



Ryker Pelow sets the beat for his friends to sing the *My Little Pony Cafeteria Song*.



Miles Bascombe, dressed in his finest tuxedo shirt, recited a poem and later played *Bouree and Peasant Dance*.

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## Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA)

Annual Meeting - Saturday, July 7 11 a.m. at Airport Strip (Across from Miskwabi Boat Launch, Trapper's Trail) Bring your own chairs. BBQ to follow. \*\*\*Rain Day is Sunday, July 8\*\*\*

## Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association

Annual General Meeting Saturday, July 7 Gooderham - Robert McCausland Centre Doors open 9 a.m. Meeting 10 a.m. to noon Brian Cain, President GLCA, 705-447-2018

## Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers' Association

Further details on all our events can be found on our website home page [www.SDLCA.ca](http://www.SDLCA.ca) under "2018 Events" Shoreline Naturalization Workshop and Planting Event – Saturday, June 2 and Sept. 8. The CHA is seeking interested lakefront landowners and volunteers to participate in Shoreline Naturalization Workshop and Planting Events that will be happening on Salerno Lake this summer. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about restoration planning components such as erosion control, vegetation spacing, invasive

species, access points and buffer zones. The volunteer form can be found on the event page under [www.SDLCA.ca](http://www.SDLCA.ca) / 2018 Events / Shoreline Workshop and Planting Event

## Kawagama Lake

KLCA (Kawagama Lake) Annual General Meeting (AGM) July 7, at 10 a.m.

Guest Speaker Heather Auld will speak about Climate Change and how it affects lakes in our area. This presentation is offered free to all members. It will be held at the Dorset Recreation Centre in Dorset. Non-Members can purchase a membership to hear the talk.

## Moore Lake Property Owners Association

Annual General Meeting Sunday, July 8 at 9 a.m. Summerkiss Restaurant at Moore Falls

## South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents

Annual General Meeting Saturday, June 9 at 11 a.m. Location: Pat & Arch Donaldson's, 1029 Whispering Pines Trail Outside: So bring a chair, a hat, and suntan lotion! Guest Speaker: TBA

## Halls/Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association

HHLPOA Annual General Meeting Sunday, July 1 Camp Kawabi (Big Hawk Lake) 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## Little Glamor Lake

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 21, 9:30 a.m., Gooderham Community Centre

## Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association

Annual General Meeting Saturday, July 7 at 10 a.m. at the Fish Hatchery on Gelert Road

## Kushog Lake

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, June 23, Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall, North Shore Rd off Hwy 35 Refreshments at 9 a.m. Meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

## Drag and Spruce Lakes

Dock Day (new) Saturday, June 30 (Rain date Sunday) Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Location: Your Dock and other participating docks Karen Gingrich, [kgingrich@bell.net](mailto:kgingrich@bell.net), (705) 455-9952

Have a look at our website for more information on this great plan and for a raindate, if needed. Please contact Karen if you would like to volunteer to help coordinate.

## Grace Lake Cottagers Association

AGM - June 30 Where: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Registration and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., and there will be a speaker at 11 a.m. (tba). All interested cottagers from Grace Lake are welcomed to attend.

## Twelve Mile, Little Boshkung Lakes Association

AGM Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m., Red Umbrella Inn

## Canning Lake

AGM Sunday, July 8 (9:30 a.m. for socializing) Meeting at 10 a.m.

## Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association

The Annual General Meeting of the HLPOA will be held on Saturday, June 23 at the Minden Legion, 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Paul Heaven will be available to answer questions on the Lakeshore Resoration Project. Local politicians have been invited to attend. This is an election year. Refreshments and a BBQ lunch will be served. Please bring a cash donation or a non-perishable food item for the Minden Food Bank.

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The Red Hawks junior girls' soccer team were all smiles after winning the COSSA A Championship final on Wednesday, May 30 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks edged out the Knights 1-nil in overtime with a golden goal (sudden death goal) for their first COSSA title in recent memory. / **DARREN LUM** Staff



# Crowning achievement for junior Red Hawks

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

They did it!  
The Red Hawks junior girls' soccer team won the COSSA championship title with a thrilling 1-nil win in overtime off of a corner taken by their captain, Melissa Brinkos.

There was plenty of shock and relief for home fans and players on both sides, as the winning goal was tallied from a goal mouth scramble set off by a miscue.

The chain of events was set off by the corner being mis-played by the Knights keeper, who let the ball squeeze through her gloved hands and then the subsequent loose ball (on the goal line) inadvertently was knocked in by a defender. Fatigue likely factored in the miscues after more than 90 minutes of play was not enough to decide the final.

It doesn't take away from effort by the Hawks, who had several chances to score in the second half alone and controlled much of the play for the game.

Head coach Janice Scheffee said this victory is special because of the work put in by her players even when winter had yet to relinquish the grasp on the highlands.

"They worked hard. Their skills have improved the entire season. They're highly athletic so today it all came together at the right time," Scheffee said. "They passed well. They were patient."

The team started indoor practices in the gym back March when the snow is still blanketing the pitch.

"We were on the field two days before our first game on the field just because of field conditions with snow in

April. So for us to start so much further behind [than other teams and] to get something like this shows that hard work does pay off and those number of touches do count and matter. It's a big deal for our school. It really is," she said.

Scheffee said there was surprise at the winning goal since she had trouble seeing if the goal went in from her vantage point. Having the own goal awarded to captain Brinkos was appropriate because of the hard work she has put in this season in not just making herself better, but the team too.

"For her to put the icing on the cake is perfect," she said. Brinkos was beaming, obviously happy, believing it exemplifies the team's growth over the season.

"We grew a lot as the season went on so I'm really proud that we made it here," she said.

Winning it all is a testament to the team effort, she adds.

"It's amazing. This is a really great team and so it's a great way to end it like this," she said.

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**Red Hawks junior player and captain Melissa Brinkos strikes the ball during the COSSA A Championship on Wednesday, May 30 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks edged out the Knights 1-nil in overtime with a golden goal (sudden death goal) awarded to Brinkos for the school's first COSSA girls' soccer title in recent memory. / **DARREN LUM** Staff**



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# Future for school soccer program is bright with COSSA success

from page 20

The shutout was earned by Connie Oh, but it was earned by the entire team and their gritty and intense style of play.

Brinkos is the consummate team player, Scheffee said.

Her response, deferring credit to her teammates doesn't surprise her.

"She's a team player and just wants the best for the team ... it's not about individual success for her. She's already played for the senior team earlier this year. She will continue to raise the level of our soccer teams for years to come," she said.

Starting off the day not many would have predicted the eventual victory for the Red Hawks junior girls' soccer team. Many would have not predicted the COSSA final would bring two Kawartha schools together such as the host Hawks and the visiting Norwood Knights, who upset Nicholson Catholic College 1-nil (late goal by Kristina Ellis with minutes left in the game) from Belleville.

Coming into the final, the Hawks had the advantage having earned a the bye to the final being the top A school seed of Kawartha (earned with an end season win). The Knights had played the semi-final a couple of hours before and had to win to make the final. Two games on a day when the temperature was above 33 degrees Celsius was a lot to ask, as the Hawks with

its deep bench of plus six players enabled regular rotations.

To the credit of the Knights, they played well, keeping much of the Hawks attack on the outside and enduring the heat with no subs (one player was stretchered off for what appeared to be a head injury and taken to the hospital by ambulance) for much of the game.

The Hawks place in the final at COSSA was attributed to there only being one team representing Quinte.

Scheffee credited the team's captains Brinkos and Paige Billings, who had to leave in the second half (the game started an hour later than scheduled) for personal reasons, with solid leadership and excellent play.

"Melissa is an extremely talented player and she's raised the level of the team. She moved here and joined our high school last year. Her skills have elevated all of us and so she is counted on those key times. We count on her a lot – all of the Grade 10 players," she said, referring also to Billings, Hailey Anderson, Jessica Byers, Matea Cameron and Trista Greer.

Getting to host COSSA and coming through in the game with the win could mean greater attention and a better turnout for the teams.

"Hopefully, we can get more girls that want to play. We had a lot. Most of our team on the roster are Grade 9s, which is

nice to see. We only had four returning Grade 10 players so we had Jessica Byers, a new Grade 10 player, but we have a solid core coming back and hopefully if we can get some more girls coming out in Grade 9 the program can only get stronger," she said.



A Norwood Knights junior player keeps pace with Red Hawks player Alexius Mills during the COSSA A Championship final on Wednesday, May 30 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Answers on page 24

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9. A mandatory site visit is planned for 1:00 p.m. on June 20, 2018.
10. Bid is to be submitted by 3:00 p.m. July 6, 2018 to: Kathy Newton, Vice President, Support Services and Chief Financial Officer Haliburton Highlands Health Services 7199 Gelert Road, Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0 e-mail: [kanewton@hhhs.ca](mailto:kanewton@hhhs.ca)
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# Sr Hawks host COSSA soccer championship

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

Everybody loves to win, but the value of an experience comes from how it leaves you.

The senior girls' Red Hawks soccer team is not despondent despite losing by more than six goals to Nicholson Catholic College in the semi-finals at the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championships for A schools.

There is sense of satisfaction and eye on the future for head coach Amy Klose.

"Their winning record says a lot for the team this year," she said, referring to the regular and post-season totals. The team finished its season 4-2-1. No small feat for a program that only up until a few years ago had trouble scoring let alone finishing with a winning record.

"So, great season. We continued to learn [up until the end] even. Last night we worked on a ton of positional and passing drills and you could see they worked on that. They were working on passing and playing their position really, really well," she said.

Recognizing their opponents were going to be stronger than their Kawartha opponents, the team adopted a greater emphasis defence instead of its offensive tendencies.

"They really did hold it well through the first half," she said, referring to the team being able to hold Nicholson to just two goals.

Much of the defensive strength comes from Arden Harrop in the backfield, who

played a "fantastic game."

"She's just been everywhere on defence with lots of speed and lots of accuracy so that was awesome," she said.

Klose adds midfielder Maya Meraw and backfielder Emily Klose also deserve credit.

Unlike the junior squad, who had several extra players, the seniors had just two substitutions, including Abby Gordon.

This tournament featured the best senior and junior soccer teams in the COSSA region. There were representatives from Kawartha and Quinte regions (Belleville and Trenton).

After Nicholson beat Haliburton, they ended up advancing as the COSSA entry to the all-provincials with a 2-nil win over Trenton's St. Paul Catholic Secondary School.

The team is expecting to lose Gordon, Kailynn Sikma, Klose, Ali Paul, Emma Scheffee, and Claire Karaguesian to graduation. However the coaching staff of Amy Klose and Doug Sullivan are already preparing for next season, ready to improve.

"We have a ton of returning players and lots to work with next year. Doug and I already have our list started of things we're going to work on next year," she said. "I think winning a few games this year changes how they feel about it and these girls will continue to grow next year. We got a strong group of juniors as well. There are lots of girls with great ball control so we look good for next year. We'll actually be stronger next year than this year."



Red Hawks senior player Jamie Evans chases down Nicholson Catholic College player Amy Viera during the A COSSA semi-finals on Wednesday, May 30 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. Although Haliburton was shut out and did not advance to the COSSA final where Nicholson defeated St. Paul Catholic Secondary School 2-nil, the Red Hawks had reason to be proud by playing with intensity and representing Kawartha and the Highlands well./  
DARREN LUM Staff



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Topic: Poverty in Haliburton County  
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Cost: Free  
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**Haliburton Legion presents Harold MacIntyre in the Clubroom**  
When: Saturday, June 16, 4 to 7 p.m.  
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# Awarded dance academy shows kindness matters

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

About 55 Haliburton Dance Academy dancers aged four to 19 attended two competitions this spring. Together they brought home one dynamic gold, 16 gold and 28 high gold awards from Dance Canada in Blue Mountain, Collingwood, and seven gold, 24 high gold and 13 platinum awards from Shooting Stars in Port Hope.

But when Chyna Schell, HDA director, talks about those competitions, she focuses most on how HDA dancers tried their best, worked hard, and were recognized for their kindness.

"We found this year both the competitions we attended were just smooth sailing," she said. "They were all about what we're all about, which is how hard work and happy kids is the priority, not first place and gold. I really respected the competitions for the way they went about that."

A highlight at the competitions was when, at one of the events, a respect award celebrated dancers who were back-stage, saying good luck to everyone and being charismatic. Awarded dancers then passed the award on to a different group at the next award section in the day.

"We actually received it twice in one day, so they got to pass it along twice, which was really lovely," said Schell. "That's the most proud moment of the entire weekend, there's no doubt about it."

The dance studio received excellence awards for sportsmanship and good character last year, as well.

"I tell the kids all the time, I don't care what you come away with when it comes to your placements, your bronzes, silvers, golds," said Schell. "I just want you to do your best. I'm only upset with you if I think that you could have done better and didn't try – which I'm never upset, because they always try – as long as they do their best and I've never seen them do their dance better and as long as they have fun and as long as they are enjoying themselves, and being kind back-stage ... all of those things. Just to see it followed through is the most heartwarming thing in the world as a teacher."

To learn more about Haliburton Dance Academy, visit [haliburtondanceacademy.com](http://haliburtondanceacademy.com). Early registration is June 19 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2016041:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10113, registered April 13, 2018.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, June 14, 2018** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, June 28, 2018.**

**DATED AT THE** Township of Minden Hills, this June 7, 2018

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**Economic Development Plan  
Public Open Houses**

The Township of Minden Hills, through its Economic Development Working Group, is currently in the process of preparing an Economic Development Plan to guide the municipality in its economic development and tourism activities, designed to raise awareness of opportunities and increase investment to maintain and grow local employment opportunities throughout the community.

We are seeking input and comments from the business community and residents, both year-round and seasonal, on the creation of the Plan at two (2) upcoming Public Open Houses:

**Open House #1**  
Sat July 7th 11:00am-2:00pm  
Minden Community Centre,  
Room #3

**Open House #2**  
Tues July 10th 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Minden Community Centre,  
Room #3

Each Open House will begin with a short presentation by the Township's consultant Jay Amer on the research and analysis completed to date as well as preliminary recommendations, followed by an open discussion period.

We look forward to your participation in this important community consultation opportunity.

**For more information please contact:**  
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Economic Development  
Email:  
[info@amerandassociates.com](mailto:info@amerandassociates.com)  
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### Top teams

From left, The District 11 Haliburton/Muskoka contract bridge teams of Rolly Fobert, and Judy Neiman of Minden and Haliburton won silver while Rod Smythe and Ross Davies of Minden won gold, and Mary Johnson and Ross Fletcher of Haliburton won bronze on Tuesday, May 29 at the Stanhope Community Centre. Organized by convenors Kathie Porter and Linda Cherry, the Haliburton/Muskoka Summer Games 2018 Ontario Senior Games Association 55+ event was the backdrop for gold medal winners, Smythe and Davies to earn a berth to the provincial OSGA 55+ Summer Games held in Mississauga in August as District 11 representatives. /Submitted by Bev Kerr



From left, District 11 members Fern Holmes and Georgie Adair of Gravenhurst won silver, Anne Brown and Lynne Briden of Gravenhurst won gold, and Leanna Wright and Frank Wright of Wilberforce won bronze at the Haliburton/Muskoka cribbage final on Thursday, May 31 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Kinmount. Organized by convenors John and Donna Teravainen, the Haliburton/Muskoka Summer Games 2018 Ontario Senior Games Association 55+ event enabled gold medal winners Briden and Brown to represent District 11 at the provincial Ontario Senior Games 55+ event in Mississauga in August. / Submitted by Bev Kerr

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### Notice of Sewer Flushing

Please note that regularly scheduled sewer maintenance will be taking place throughout the Township of Minden Hills Wastewater Collection System and Storm Water Systems from **June 4, 2018 to June 22, 2018** to remove settled and accumulated material.

During this process, pressurized water will be released at each manhole on the roadway through the sanitary sewer/storm water lines to remove any buildup.

A bubbling and/or vacuum effect may be noticed in your drains and/or toilets due to the sanitary flushing. It is recommended to keep toilet seats closed and cover any floor drains. Internal plumbing consists of "P" traps which hold a volume of water to prevent sewer gases from migrating into the home. During the flushing process, this water could be drawn out of the traps by negative pressure created in the sanitary sewer line. For this reason **it is important to refill all plumbing traps by running the water in your sinks and floor drains after work is completed.**

We ask for your patience and understanding during this process as it is necessary to eliminate the potential for sanitary sewer main surcharging or storm water backups which could result in damage to property.

Please contact Ivan Ingram, Environmental & Property Operations Manager at [iingram@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iingram@mindenhills.ca) or 705-286-1260 ext. 216 for more information.

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### Call for Volunteers:

### Community Improvement Plan Task Force

The Township of Minden Hills is currently seeking interested individuals to participate on a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Task Force. The CIP Task Force is being created as a mechanism for additional public engagement and input throughout the process to work with the Consulting Firm hired to develop a CIP for Minden Village.

Community Improvement Plans are authorized under the Planning Act to allow municipalities to guide positive growth and change in an area. Specifically, CIPs allow a municipality to:

- » assist with the provision of affordable housing and improving energy efficiency;
- » facilitate and encourage community change in a coordinated manner;
- » provide municipal incentive-based programs to stimulate private-sector activity;
- » acquire, hold, clear, or otherwise prepare land for community improvement; and,
- » construct, repair, rehabilitate or improve buildings on municipal land.

If interested, please submit your name and contact information together with a short statement of any relevant interest and/or experience in the matter with "CIP Task Force" in the subject line by mail or e-mail to:

### Community Improvement Plan Task Force Applications

C/O Clerk's Department  
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[sprentice@mindenhills.ca](mailto:sprentice@mindenhills.ca)

**Deadline to submit is Thursday, July 28, 2018.**



# Join the Walk for Water

Help A Village Effort invites the Haliburton Highlands community to join them in raising money to bring clean drinking water to those in need in India.

The situation in India is dire; more than 75 million Indians do not have access to clean drinking water. Money raised goes to non-governmental organizations on the ground, which install wells where they are most needed.

Help A Village Effort, or HAVE for short, is a Minden-based volunteer-run charity. Its goal is to improve the lives of people in rural India who are living with water scarcity.

Since it was created 36 years ago, HAVE has funded the creation of 1,250 wells.

This month, there are several ways you can help out.

On Saturday, June 16, head to Gelert for the Food and Beverage Showcase, held at Wintergreen Pancake Barn between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Enjoy food, craft beer, coffee, ice cream and other delicacies from lo-

cal vendors set up on the property. There will be live music and a silent auction. Admission is \$20 (or \$50 for families) with proceeds being divided between HAVE and Fuel for Warmth. Go to [www.haliburtonfoodfest.com](http://www.haliburtonfoodfest.com) for details.

On Tuesday, June 19, join Zion United Church as they Walk for Water in Minden. The fundraiser starts at the Minden library branch at 7 p.m. with participants walking the Riverwalk path along Invergordon and Water streets in town. Collect pledges and join in! Contact [carolynlangdon3@gmail.com](mailto:carolynlangdon3@gmail.com) for sponsor sheets.

On Friday, June 22, students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School will be doing a Walk for Water along the Riverwalk in Minden. Students will be walking from 1 to 2 p.m. HAVE would be pleased if community members pledged the students who are walking. For more details on the ASES walk, contact Michele Coneybeare at 705-286-1921.



The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is currently hosting two exhibitions by artists Matt McInnes and Rob Niezen with the theme of urban landscape. McInnes is a printmaker from Hamilton while Niezen is a painter/printmaker who was mostly self-taught, taking courses in The Netherlands and Peterborough. You can view their work until July 2. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

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### Nocturnal reflections

Rob Niezen was on-hand to speak at the dual opening and artist talk at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery June 2. He says his oil paintings depict "beauty in looking at things differently," like cityscapes when it rains. Niezen's "Nocturnal Reflections" collection will be on display at the gallery until July 2. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

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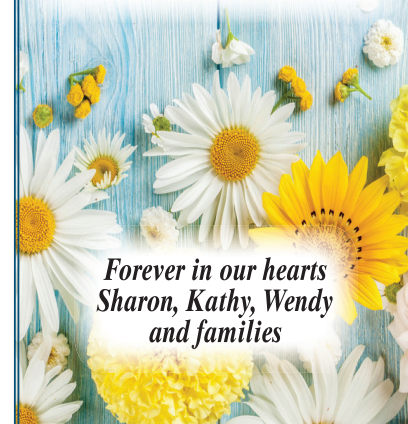
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## Public meeting told

### Committee pursuing inquiries from MDs

by Andrew Milne

An ad-hoc committee organized to bring doctors into the Minden area announced last week that they have been contacted by interested physicians.

Community Committee for Physicians (CCP) members were unable however to confirm how far along negotiations are.

Also announced during the meeting: the Ministry of Health (MOH) has informed the eight reeves of the catchment area of the Minden hospital that minister Ruth Grier will not be taking the time to visit them to resolve the region's health care crisis. The reeves had been pressing the Health Minister for assistance regarding the closing of the in-patient services at the Minden Hospital. Their letter was sent May 1 and, until just a day before the meeting, they had not received a reply.

The CCP made the announcement about the inquiries at a public meeting May 24 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, an information session held to announce to residents of the Minden area what progress has been made. CCP member Doug Campbell said they had received the inquiries — to advertisements placed in medical trade publications — only shortly before the meeting.

The CCP told the meeting that its mandate does not concern so much the status of the hospital, as attracting physicians to the region and keeping them here — something they hope to achieve by making physicians aware of the need in the community and the benefits of locating here. The committee has placed advertisements in a number of medical journals inviting inquiries from doctors.

More than 300 people attended the May 24 meeting and heard presentations from CCP members Jeanne Anthon (also reeve of Anson, Hindon, and Minden), Jack Brezina, Campbell, Brian Kernohan, and Ted Wilkes.

Foster Loucks, executive director of the Acting Health Services Board (AHSB), a body formed to take over the operation of hospital services in Haliburton County following their divestment from St. Joseph's, was also present, to speak to the public for the first time since being hired to the position May 1. Loucks described rec-

(more on page 3)

## Many hands make...



.....LIGHT WORK: not that this group of Toronto and Hamilton area people didn't already know that from their business experience. They are members of the Toronto Junior Board, a group of young entrepreneurs who donated their time and muscle this past weekend to erect a health centre at Camp Wanakita. Close to 80 members of the organization were on hand for the three day building bee which saw the 1800 square foot exterior of the structure completed by Sunday. A second group of volunteers will arrive at the camp next weekend to complete the interior work. For more pictures of the work in progress see page 21

## Contract awarded for county building renovations

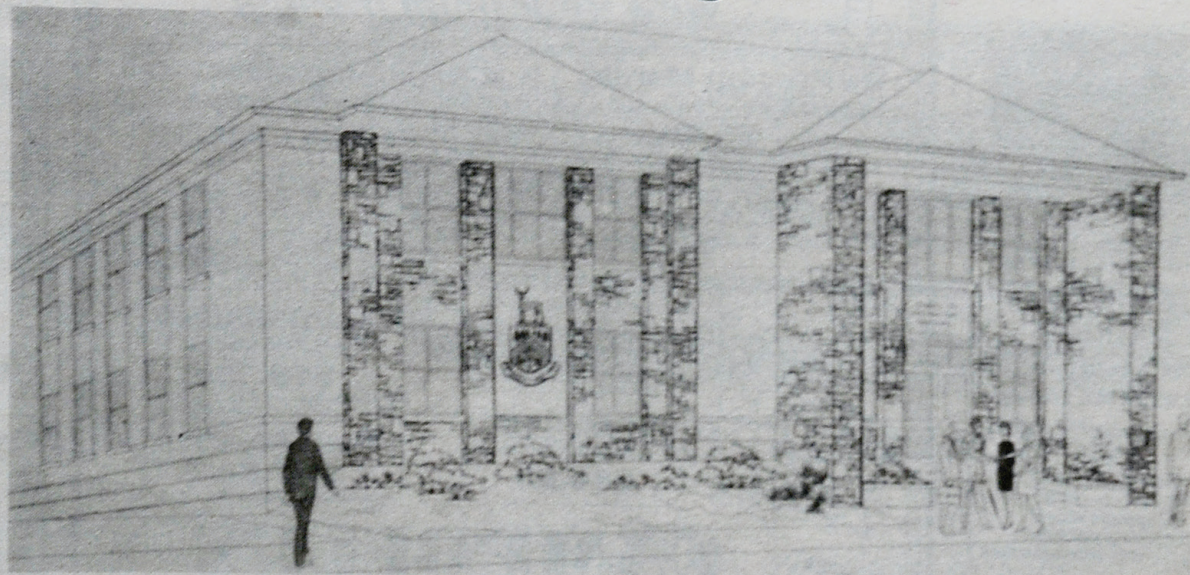
The contract for the renovations and addition to the Haliburton County Administration Building has been awarded to Rodco Enterprise of Haliburton.

Three companies were invited to make presentations during a closed session of County Council last Thursday. The majority of council members favoured the Rodco plan, which came in at \$702,800, including GST.

Acting County Administrator Ross Rigney said that all three of the proposals were very close in quality and price but it was the aesthetics of the Rodco design, which kept the character of the present building, that won council's endorsement.

A resolution was passed accepting the Rodco proposal, subject to final approval of the infrastructure grant by the federal government. The provincial government has already given its approval.

County councillors Eleanor Harrison and Murray Fearrey declared conflict of interest in the matter since they both are involved in the building supply business.



**NEW LOOK:** This is an artist's concept of how the front of the Haliburton County administration building will look after the expansion and renovations are completed. County Council endorsed this \$700,000 project last Thursday.

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